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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
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Re: Filing of Continuation-in-Part Patent Application  
based on U.S. Serial No. 09/461,336, filed December 15, 1999  
Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUCING EXCESS CAPACITY  
FOR RESTAURANTS AND OTHER INDUSTRIES DURING OFF-  
PEAK OR OTHER TIMES**  
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Dear Sir:

Attached is a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/461,336, filed December 15, 1999. The CIP application includes fifty-two (52) pages of Specification, seven (7) pages of Claims (numbered 1-48), one (1) page Abstract, eighteen (18) sheets of Drawings (labeled 1-19).

Also enclosed is an executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney and Assignment.

The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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No. of Claims		No. in Excess	Rate	\$690.00
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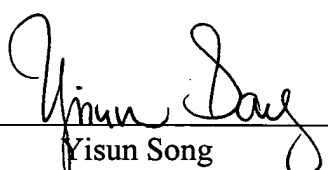
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